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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : UDO HÖLKER
SERIAL NO. : TO BE ASSIGNED
FILED : HERewith
FOR : BIOREACTOR FOR FERMENTING SOLIDS
ART UNIT : TO BE ASSIGNED
EXAMINER : TO BE ASSIGNED

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Insert as the first paragraph of the specification the following new paragraph: -- This application is a 371 of PCT/EP00/08929 filed on September 13, 2000. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel all of the claims in the application and substitute the following new claims: